

County Durham LINK Meeting/Event

Date: 20th October 2011
Event: Safer Care North East
Number/range of attendees: 12 members
Purpose of meeting/event: PCPE Focus Group
Record completed by: Betty Carr
<p>The meeting commenced at 9am at Mount Oswald Manor, Durham City with a presentation from Emma Nunez on Where the group has been and Where we are now.</p> <p>The group as it is will come to its conclusion end March 2012 and Safer Care North East will merge and become NHS North East Region taking in the border at Berwick to Humberside. There will still be an office in this region which will be the North East office. The new Board we are told, still prefer this group to continue but a name as yet to be decided, the good work needs to be built on. Patient Safety and Public Involvement is still a high priority for the Government.</p> <p>Many of the Clinical Themes have achieved success, reduction in cardiac arrests, reduction in suicides and early deaths need to be lower 14.3% as against national average of 15%, a lot of work has been done on C diff by Safer Care and a national campaign is pencilled in for 2012, much has been achieved in drug/medication safety. falls, Pilot scheme at Wansbeck Hospital identified fall requirement to refer to appropriate services, good practice guide regional benchmarking, improvement to access services has resulted in lower 999 calls, pressure sores have achieved success, many hospitals have electronic beds. The Government are rolling out a campaign for greater national awareness on C diff and pressure sores during 2012.</p> <p>Jason Scott from Northumberland University working for his PHD, on Patient Safety gave a presentation and thanked the group who have been a great help in assisting him with patient interviews.</p> <p>Pat Bottrill gave a presentation from a Patient and Public Engagement View and the general consensus was that after a slow start we had eventually come together as a team, worked well, achieved a lot and were happy to</p>



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remain as a group for the future.

A surprise was in store for the members as we were given framed certificates, and treated to a slap up meal to round the day off; as a way of saying thank you for our commitment.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

The next meeting will be in November 2011, then January 2012, with the final meeting April at the Samsung Centre Wynyard when the report on our work will be ready and we will know what the groups name and vision will be.

Betty Carr

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